

By Close

B. No. 1400

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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3 underground reservoir to the surface is prohibitive; however, there
4 are great reservoirs of natural gas produced and sold at the
5 wellhead at prices that would permit the pumping of water for
6 irrigation and would aid in the prevention of soil erosion and
7 would promote the general welfare.

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13 corporation that is conducting agricultural activities on the
14 surface of the premises.

15 (3) "Mineral operator" means any person, firm, or
16 corporation that has or is claiming the right to produce, or that
17 is producing, natural gas from a gas well located on the premises,
18 either by ownership, contract, lease, or any other estate in the
19 minerals in and under the premises.

20 (4) "Gas well" means a well designated as such by the
21 commission and located on the premises regardless of whether it is
22 actually being produced or is shut-in.

23 (5) "Premises" means a tract or tracts of land embraced
24 within an area which constitutes a unit for the production of
25 natural gas, and on which there is now or shall hereafter be
26 located a gas well.

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1 is fit for use for fuel.

2 Sec. 4. MAKING GAS AVAILABLE TO SURFACE OPERATOR. From and
3 after the effective date of this Act, every mineral operator shall,
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5 protection and conservation of the soil, make available to the
6 surface operator, if requested to do so by the surface operator,
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8 surface operator necessary for the pumping of an amount of water
9 that may be necessary for the irrigation of the premises or a
10 portion of the premises, as may be devoted to agricultural
11 activities, to the end that the soil on which the agricultural
12 activities are being conducted shall be protected from erosion
13 caused by wind and excessive rainfall and otherwise preserved and
14 conserved. The mineral operator shall not be obligated to make
15 more than one-eighth of the volume of natural gas produced from the
16 well, or authorized to be produced, available to the surface
17 operator.

18 Sec. 5. PRICING OF AND PAYMENT FOR GAS. The surface
19 operator shall pay the mineral operator the same price per unit
20 which mineral operator receives for natural gas marketed during the
21 same period or periods from the well from which surface operator
22 takes gas. Payments for gas taken by surface operator shall be due
23 and payable within 15 days after receipt by surface operator of
24 statement or billing for gas taken.

25 Sec. 6. LIABILITY FOR CONNECTIONS. All connections, except
26 the tap on the wellhead or pipeline, for the delivery of natural
27 gas from the gas well shall be made at the sole risk and expense of

1 the surface operator and the mineral operator shall not be liable
2 to any person for any claim whatsoever, including claims for
3 damages, whether to persons or to property, which may arise because
4 of installation or maintenance of the surface operator's
5 connections.

6 Sec. 7. LIMITATION ON DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MINERAL
7 OPERATOR. Nothing in this Act shall create in any manner an
8 obligation or duty on the part of any mineral operator who
9 furnishes gas under the provisions of this Act to furnish gas for
10 use off the premises from which it is produced or to assume in any
11 way public utility duties to the public at large with respect to
12 the natural gas produced from the gas well.

13 Sec. 8. LIABILITY OF MINERAL OPERATOR. Any mineral operator
14 who fails to comply with any duty imposed by this Act shall be
15 liable to the surface operator aggrieved for all damages suffered
16 as a result from the failure to comply, including any diminution in
17 yield from the premises which may arise from inability to irrigate
18 the premises because of, or arising out of, the failure to perform
19 the duty.

20 Sec. 9. HARMONY WITH CONSERVATION LAWS. This Act shall be
21 construed so as to be harmonious with the oil and gas conservation
22 laws and rules of the State of Texas.

23 Sec. 10. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and
24 the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
25 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
26 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
27 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,

1 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
2 passage, and it is so enacted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Bill Clayton
Speaker of the House of Representatives

May 4, 1977

(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK, to whom was referred H.B. 1400,
have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it (measure)

- () do pass, without amendment.
- () do pass, with amendment(s).
- (X) do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.

A fiscal note was requested on March 7, 1977 and is attached as part of this report.
(date)

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The Committee recommends that this measure be placed on the (Local / Consent) Calendar.

- This measure (X) proposes new law.
- () amends existing law.

House Sponsor of Senate Measure _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Hubenak	✓			
Kubiak	✓			
Green, F.				✓
Coody				✓
Denton	✓			
Garcia, T.	✓			
Jones	✓			
Keese	✓			
McBee				✓
Martin, E.	✓			
Patterson	✓			

Total: 8 aye
0 nay
0 present, not voting
3 absent

Joe A. Hubenak
CHAIRMAN
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COMMITTEE COORDINATOR
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Bill Analysis

Background Information

There are vast areas in Texas where drought, wind and excessive rainfall have a highly injurious effect on the soil. In many of these areas there is an ample supply of underground water which might be used to irrigate these premises and grow cover crops that would prevent soil erosion. However, the cost of pumping the water for irrigation purposes is presently prohibitive. In many cases, there are natural gas wells on the premises where such irrigation could be done.

Purpose

To allow the surface operator to obtain natural gas at the wellhead from wells on the premises at market price.

Section by Section Analysis

- Section 1: Entitles this Act the "Texas Gas for Irrigation Act".
- Section 2: Declares the policy, intention and purposes of the Act.
- Section 3: Defines "agricultural activities", "surface operator", "mineral operator", "gas well", "premises" and "natural gas".
- Section 4: Requires the mineral operator to make available to the surface operator natural gas from a gas well on the premises for operation of irrigation pumps. States that the mineral operator is not obligated to make more than one-eighth of the volume of his natural gas produced from the well available to the surface operator.
- Section 5: Requires the surface operator to pay the mineral operator the current market price for the natural gas within 15 days after receipt.
- Section 6: Places the sole risk and expense of all connections for the delivery of natural gas from the gas well, except the tap on the wellhead or pipeline, on the surface operator. Releases the mineral operator from liability for any claim which may arise because of the surface operator's connections.
- Section 7: Protects the mineral operator from obligation to furnish gas for use off the premises from which it is produced or to assume public utility duties to the public at large on the gas.
- Section 8: States that the mineral operator is liable to the surface operator for damages resulting from failure to comply with duties imposed by this Act.
- Section 9: Requires this Act to be harmonious with the oil and gas conservation laws and rules of the State of Texas.
- Section 10: Emergency Clause.

Summary of Committee Action

Public notice having been posted in compliance with Rule V, Section 14, the committee considered H.B. 1400 in public hearing on April 13, 1977.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee and reported back favorably to the full committee on May 2, 1977 with a complete committee substitute.

In a public hearing on May 4, 1977 the committee reported the bill back favorably to the Floor of the House by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays as substituted to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Comparisions of Substitute to Origional Bill

Under Section 7 of the Act, a sentence was included so as not to place the mineral operator as a gas utility, public utility, or utility so that they do not come under the control of the RRC or Public Utility Commission.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE

April 7, 1977

Honorable Joe A. Hubenak, Chairman
Committee on Agriculture and Livestock
House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 1400
By: Close

Sir:

In response to your request pursuant to House Rule V, Section 28, this office finds the fiscal implications of House Bill No. 1400 (relating to the provision and use of natural gas for certain agricultural purposes) to be as follows:

No fiscal implication or additional cost to the State or units of local government attributable to the bill, should it be enacted, is anticipated.


Thomas M. Keel
Director

Source: Railroad Commission; LBB Staff

MAY 18 1977

Date _____
Read and Adopted _____

Hubert H. Hays

By Close

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H.B. No. 1400

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1400

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MAY 5 1977

MAY 4 1977

3. Reported ~~favorably~~ ~~unfavorably~~ as substituted (as amended) and sent to Printer at

11:59 A.M.
(time)

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4. Printed, distributed and sent to the Committee on Calendars at 8:53 P M.
(time)

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9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

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11. Ordered Engrossed at 3:15 P M.
(time)

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____ M.
(time)

14. Sent to Senate.

Betty Murray

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House

16. Read, referred to Committee on

17. Reported favorably

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Subst read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by

(a viva voce vote.)

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22 conditions have been determined as provided in Section 5 of this
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26 this Act shall be determined by negotiation between the parties.
27 In the event of their inability to agree as to any or all of such

1 prices, terms, and conditions, either party to the negotiation may
 2 apply to the commission to fix same. In reaching its determination
 3 of the prices, terms, and conditions by which natural gas shall be
 4 made available by the mineral operator to the surface operator
 5 under this Act and in determining whether such natural gas shall be
 6 made available, the commission shall consider the necessity of the
 7 surface operator for the natural gas for the purposes specified
 8 herein, the cost of other sources of power with which to raise the
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4 appeals from the said commission in other matters.

5 Sec. 8. Proceedings before the commission under this Act may
6 be brought individually by surface operators affected, or, in cases
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MAY 18 1977

11. Ordered Engrossed at 3:15 P.M. (time)

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____ M. (time)

14. Sent to Senate.

Betty Murray

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House _____

16. Read, referred to Committee on _____

17. Reported favorably _____

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Subst read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by _____ (a viva voce vote.) _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

H. B. No. 1400

By Close

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision and use of natural gas for certain agricultural purposes.

MAR 2 1977

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

MAR 3 1977

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

Agriculture & Livestock

MAY 4 1977

3. Reported ~~unfavorably~~ ^{favorably} ~~(as amended)~~ ^{as substituted} and sent to Printer at 11:59 A.M.
(time)

MAY 5 1977

4. Printed, distributed and sent to the Committee on Calendars at 8:53 : P M.
(time)

MAY 6 1977

Sent To Committee On Calendars 8:35am

MAY 18 1977

5. Read second time ~~(amended)~~; passed to third reading ~~(failed)~~ by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

6. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record vote) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

7. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ years, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting.

MAY 18 1977

8. Read third time ~~(amended)~~; finally passed ~~(failed)~~ by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

MAY 18 1977

11. Ordered Engrossed at 3:15 P.M.
(time)

MAY 19 1977

12. Engrossed.

MAY 19 1977

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at 1:41 A.M.
(time)

MAY 19 1977

14. Sent to Senate.

Betty Murray

Chief Clerk of the House

MAY 19 1977

15. Received from the House _____

MAY 20 1977

16. Read, referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

17. Reported favorably _____

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by _____
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ years, _____ nays.)

21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

25. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

26. Returned to the House.

27. Received from the Senate (with amendments).

28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate Amendments by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

29. Conference Committee Ordered.

30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

31. Ordered Enrolled at _____ : _____ M.
(time)

1977 MAY 19 AM 1:41

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1977 MAY -5 PM 8:53

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES